

**LEGAL  
REQUIREMENTS**

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Assistance clients are required by state law to provide the Department with complete and accurate information concerning their income and circumstances and the circumstances and whereabouts of legally responsible relatives. Clients who receive assistance ineligibly due to failure to provide information are subject to criminal prosecution and recovery action.

**AGENCY POLICY**

Support specialists are not required to investigate cases of alleged fraud. However, as with other Departmental employees, support specialists should be alert to potentially fraudulent situations in assistance cases. When a fraudulent or potentially fraudulent situation is discovered during the course of the support investigation, FIA specialist staff is to be informed and provided with available documentation.

By channeling the information through the FIA specialist staff, continued eligibility for assistance and the amount of overissuance can be determined and recovery action implemented if appropriate. In cases involving an overissuance of at least \$500 due to a willful withholding of information, FIA specialists will refer the case to the Office of Inspector General (OIG). OIG will conduct an investigation and determine whether the case will be referred for prosecution.